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Application of:	Spiros GRATSIAS, <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	5133
Application No.:	10/596,304	Art Unit:	3724
Filed:	June 8, 2006	Examiner:	Hwei Siu Chou PAYER
For:	IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE MAKING OF A WET SHAVING SYSTEM WITH A GUARD BAR	Attorney Docket No.:	11348-021-999

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Examiner Payer is thanked for granting Applicants' representative a telephone interview on March 9, 2011. Participants in the interview included Examiner Payer and Applicants' representative Anthony D. Mustillo. The rejections based on U.S. Patent No. 4,998,347 to Schächter (hereinafter, "Schächter '347") and U.S. Patent No. 6,167,625 to King, *et al.* (hereinafter, "King") included in the Office Action dated September 29, 2010, and Applicants' arguments included in the Response dated December 29, 2010, were discussed. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 4,502,217 to Schächter (hereinafter, "Schächter '217") and U.S. Patent No. 4,715,120 to McGready (hereinafter, "McGready"), were discussed.

Specifically, the undersigned argued that it would not have been obvious to modify the guard bar described in the Schächter '347 patent such that it is parallel to the blade cutting edge along its entire length because, as disclosed in the Schächter '217 patent, which is incorporated by reference into the Schächter '347 patent and which describes "the attachment of the guard bar [of the Schächter '347 patent] to the shaving head" (*see* Schächter '347, col. 3, lines 21-26), "[a]nother comfort in handling resides in that the opening between the guard bar and the blade

permits the unimpaired passage of cut hairs and soap because lugs or stops keep[] the guard bar spaced away [from the blade]." (Schächter '217, col. 1, lines 49-52.) Schächter '217 also states: "The front side of the base part 1 and the cover 3 form a front face 7 For exactly maintaining the distance of the guard bar 6 from the front face 7, lugs 1a are provided at the base part 1 in close proximity to the legs." (*Id.* at col. 2, lines 24-27.) Thus, the Schächter '217 patent teaches that a space must be maintained between the guard bar and the base part in order to maintain comfort in shaving.

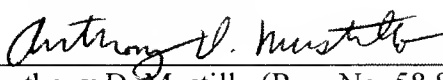
The only way that the guard bar of the Schächter '347 patent can be modified so that it is parallel to the blade cutting edge along its entire length is to completely recess the entire length of the right angle bent end portions 26 of the guard bar within the cover or cover member. Doing this, however, would be contrary to the teachings of the Schächter '217 and Schächter '347 patents of maintaining a space between the guard bar and the blade. Thus, the undersigned argued that both Schächter patents teach away from a guard bar that is parallel to the blade edge along its entire length. Examiner Payer stated that even if she agreed with this argument, she could combine McGready with King to reject the claims. No agreement as to the claims was reached.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (212) 326-3939 if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining issues.

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Respectfully submitted,

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